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TAGS: OVIP (COHEN-ORGAD, YIGAL)

SUBJECT: HERUT ECONOMIC LEADER TO VISIT US

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: KNESSET MEMBER YIGAL COHEN-ORGAD (HERUT) WILL VISIT THE UNITED STATES BEGINNING FEBRUARY 20. HE IS THE HEAD OF THE LIKUD FACTION IN THE KNESSET FINANCE COMMITTEE AND WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL AUTHORS OF THE LIKUD ECONOMIC PLATFORM. HIS SCHEDULE IN THE UNITED STATES IS BEING ARRANGED BY THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON; HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 26-28 AND WILL MEET CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS BUT IS NOT PLANNING ON CONTACTING USG OFFICIALS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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AN ECONOMIST BY TRAINING (HE HAS HIS OWN ECONOMIC CONSULTING AGENCY IN TEL AVIV), COHEN -ORGAD IS ONE OF THE FEW NON-LIBERAL PARTY KNESSET MEMBERS WITH A MAJOR SAY IN FORMULATING ECONOMIC POLICY. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANTI-MONOPOLY LEGISLATION AND RESTRICTIONS ON NON-BANKING ACTIVITIES OF COMMERCIAL BANKS. HE IS ALSO ONE OF THE LEADING ADVOCATES OF DEVELOPING ISRAEL'S DOMESTIC DEFENSE INDUSTRY. DEPARTMENT
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MAY WISH TO CONTACT EITAN RAFF AT THE ISRAELI EMBASSY TO ARRANGE A MEETING BY DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WITH COHEN-ORGAD. HIS SEPHARDI-BASED HERUT CONSTITUENCY IS MAKING DEMANDS FOR CHANGES IN GOI ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARDS A MORE POPULIST ATTITUDE AND AWAY FROM THE STRICT FREE-MARKET MODEL FAVORED BY THE LIBERALS. COHEN-ORGAD SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND IS DIRECT AND

FORCEFUL IN PRESENTING HIS VIEWS. WITH THE GROWING
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POWER OF THE SEPHARDI COMMU-
NITY, HIS VIEWS ON ECONOMIC POLICY PROMISE TO CARRY
WEIGHT IN FUTURE POLICY-MAKING. END LIMITED OFFICIAL
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